Letter to MP

[your letter head if appropriate]

Dear [Title] [Candidate name],

I am writing to you on behalf of [the organisation you are associated with/ NCOSS members] in [suburb or district]. We are a [describe your service/organisation/ coalition of organisations].

I would like to request a meeting with you on a date convenient to you within the next 4 weeks.

Our organisation is supporting the NSW Council of Social Service (NCOSS) Pre-Budget Submission (PBS) which outlines seven key recommendations for the NSW Government to make a very real difference to people experiencing poverty and disadvantage.

The <u>PBS</u> has identified seven key areas where the NSW Government can make distinct and targeted investments to improve outcomes for people experiencing poverty and disadvantage:

- Give all children and young people the best start in life;
- Create homes for our most vulnerable;
- Make energy more affordable;
- Boost support for people with mental health issues;
- Build a fair justice system for Aboriginal communities;
- Financially empower women throughout their life cycle and
- Give a voice to all people with disability.

The meeting would be an opportunity to discuss the PBS and why the recommendations in it are of particular importance to your electorate.

OPTIONAL

In particular, I believe the NSW Government should invest in [Choose one or more of the areas listed above for targeted investment]

This is because [say why you think this recommendation is important for your community specifically]

We would welcome the opportunity to discuss these issues with you and hear your viewpoint. I believe if we work together we can improve outcomes for people in [your suburb/district].

I look forward to speaking to a member of your staff in the near future to organise a convenient meeting time.

Yours sincerely,

[your name and contact details]

[Organisation logos if joint letter]



